

Propane & Biodiesel Pupil Transportation Workshops in Maryland and Virginia



School administrators from Fairfax County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Frederick County, Alexandria City, Arlington County, Howard County, Baltimore County, Washington County, Carroll County, Calvert County, Charles County and St. Mary's County attended two propane and biodiesel school bus

workshops in Fairfax County VA and Prince George's County Maryland on May 23 and May 25 respectively. The events were a collaborative effort of the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition, the Maryland Energy Administration/Maryland Clean Cities and Virginia Clean Cities, along with the propane and biodiesel industries and school bus manufacturers.

Highlights of the Virginia event included case studies presented by Chesterfield County's Fleet Management Director, Jeff Jeter; and Halifax County Public Schools Transportation Supervisor, Keith McDowell, and an outdoor display of buses and fueling infrastructure. The National Biodiesel Foundation, Propane Education and Research Council, Roush Clean Tech, Blue Bird Bus and Blossman Gas all provided financial sponsorship and technical support for the program.



Gabriel Rose, Director, Pupil Transportation of the Maryland Department of Education provided the keynote introduction to the Maryland workshop held at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex. Additional presentations included a Cecil County case study presented by Dan Jester and presentations by a school bus manufacturer, propane energy supplier and representations of PERC and the National Biodiesel Board. The presentations were followed by a ride-and-drive with two school bus manufacturers.

Steve Walz, Environmental Program Director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments spoke at both workshops about the Fleets for the Future program – the aggregate purchase of clean fueled school buses – for which local school districts are eligible to participate.

GWRC is grateful to Sharp Energy, the National Biodiesel Foundation and the Mid-Atlantic Propane Gas Association for their sponsorship of the Maryland event.

You can find the presentations [here](#).